

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Downes et al.

Title: STRUCTURE OF THE FARNESOID X
RECEPTOR LIGAND BINDING DOMAIN
AND METHODS OF USE THEREFOR

Appl. No.: 10/535,042

Filing Date: 1/9/2006

Examiner: Alexander D. Kim

Art Unit: 1656

Conf. No: 2218

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2009, in view of the Advisory Action mailed May 12, 2009, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this communication.

Amendments to the Claims are included in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 3 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this communication.